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**Response to Office Action &
Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response to Office Action and Amendment ("Response") is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2000 ("Office Action"), Paper No. 2, in the above referenced patent application.

TIME FOR RESPONSE

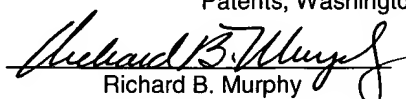
The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response of one month (or 30 days whichever is longer) resulting in a due date of August 21, 2000 extendible pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Accompanying this Response is a petition for a three month extension of time pursuant to 37 S.F.R. 1.136(a) and payment of the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) extending the time for response until November 21, 2000. Consequently, Applicants believe that this Response is timely filed.

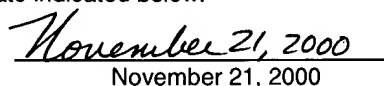
STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 are subject to a requirement for restriction.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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